THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Aircraft was received in India in July, 1987. It has flown for a total of about 290 hours, out of which the use for Are suppression and detection is only 4 hours and 20 minutes.

(c) The aircraft has not yet been returned to the UNDP. It would be returned as and when UNDP authorities are prepared to receive it.

Re-employment of ex-servicemen

51. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of **ex-**servicemen as on 31st December, 1989;

(b) what is the number of them who have been re-employed in Government service;

(c) the number of retired defence personnel registered for re-employment as on date; and

(d) what steps have been taken for providing them employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) According to the estimates received from the States/Union Territories, there were about 44 lakh ex-Servicemen in the country as on 31 December, 1989.

(b) Re-employment of ex-Service-men in civil jobs is an on-going process. As per provisional estimates available, 16044 ex-Sservicemen were placed in civil jobs under the Central and State Governments (including Pubic Sector Undertakings and Local Bodies) during 1989.

(c) The number of registrants on the Live Registers of Zila/Rajya Sainik Boards, including those registered with Directorate General of Resettlement is 2,59,780, as on 1 January. '90.

(d) There is a comprehensive programme for the rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen. The Central Government has pruviaea reservation lor ex-Servicemen in Groups 'C and 'D' posts in Central Government Departments, as well as Public Sector Undertakings, including Nationalised Banks. Most State Governments have also provided for reservation in civil posts, in varying degrees, in favour of ex-Servicemen. Besides, a number of schemes are in existence to provide self-employment opportunities to ex-Servicemen. These include the SEMFEX-i Scheme which provides financial assistance to ex-Servicemen for setting up small industrial projects; the SEMFEX-II Scheme to encourage ex-Servicemen to take up gainful farm and non-farm activities in rural areas; allotment of petroleum products agencies; allotment of Unit Trust of India agencies, transportation agencies for coal and petroleum products; price subsidy to ex-Servicemen for small scale industrial units for products supplied to Defence Establishments; etc.

Amount for development of North Eastern States

52. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to gtate:

(a) what amount has been ear-**marker[1] I* *fh& Plirron+ finnrtoial TTPPT** for the development of Nortn-ii-astern States; and

(b) what are the names of the new projects which are likely to be set up with the help of central assistance in. the North-Eastern Region, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) A statement showing approved outlays **for the** Annual Plan 1990-91 for the States in the North Eastern Region, NortS

Eastern Council and the hill areas devlopment programme of Assam, is enclosed. (See below)

(Yi fV'o *f^^ntrzl* assistance forms a part of the State Plan allocation and is not given project-wise. The details 'of Central assistance for each State of the north-east for the Annual Plan 1990-91 is given in column 3 of the enclose^ statement.

Statement

Approved Annual flan outlays ana Central'Assistance (Net) for NEC ana[1] North Eastern States ana HAD? oj Assam— 1990-91.

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	175	140-16
Nagaland	145	112-81
	200	155-79
	76	65-37
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Effect of gases emitted by Mathura Refinery on Taj Mahal

53. SHRl KAMAL MORARKA; Will the PRIME MINISTER b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the historical Taj Mahal's beauty is being affected by the constant emission of gases from the Mathura Refinery; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to protect the monument?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a and (b) No, Sir.

The Experts Commissioned by the IOc to study the effects of gaseous emissions from Mathura Refinery on Taj have opined that the level of pollution from the emission from the said refinery is well below the prescribed level and does not pose any threat to the Taj Mahal.

The Archaeological Survey of India is, constantly monitoring the ambient air around Taj for assessing the level Of $pollutant_s$ like sulphur di-oxide, etc. i_n order to take remedial measures as ma_v be required, if any.

स्पोर्टस अथॉरिटी ऑफ इण्डिया के पश्चिम त्रिभागीय क्रीड़ा काम्पलैक्स द्वारा काम शुरू कर दिया जाना

54. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि औरंगाबाद (महाराष्ट्र) के क्रीड़ा संगठनों और दैनिक